

Diary Dates

Sun, 30	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, UCA Anniversary and a Baptism with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Morning Tea.	Thu, 4	8:30am Early Risers Prayer 9:30am Stepping Stones DH 9:30am Yoga in St AR 4:30pm Church Music
	11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch	Fri, 5	8:30am Social Craft Grp DH 10am Craft Group in StAR 12noon Lunch & DVD StAR
Mon, 1	9:30-3pm Kairos Sewing JH 10am-4pm Op Shop M-F 10am-2pm UNITING St AR 10am One Door Mental Health Carer Support DH	Sat, 6	9am-12noon Op Shop
	8am Meals on Wheels Kitchen Roster 9am-2pm T-F Church Office 9:30am Adult Fellowship in St Andrew's Room 9:30am LLine Dancers JH 10am-1pm Pres Bkeep 7pm Friends of Nioka in StAR	Sun, 7	9am Tamworth City Sunday Worship Service, with Rev Chris Wright. Sunday School. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea. 11:30am Korean Reborn Church & Lunch 3pm Bec's Emmaus Group
Tue, 2	9am Op Shop Sorting 6-9:30pm New Vogue JH 6-7pm Meditation in Church		
Wed, 3			

Preaching Plan

Sunday, 7 July—Pentecost 4

9am	Tamworth City—Rev Chris Wright— HC—E:J & N Dezius, J Carthew, L Johnston; D:B Johnston, J Crosling, H Fergus; PP: M Miles, O: R Greer.
9:30	Tamworth Southside Service
11am	West Tamworth Service. Lunch to follow.
5:30pm	Tamworth Southside Service



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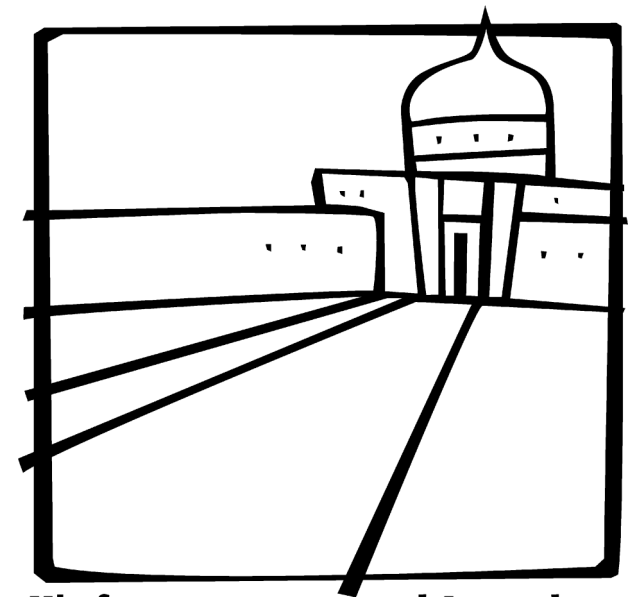
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Welcome to Tamworth City Uniting Church

We welcome all those worshipping with us today. Rev Chris Wright and will be leading our service.

Please stay for a chat and morning tea.



His face was set toward Jerusalem.

Lk 9:53

Seasons of the Spirit

Take Up the Story

Readings

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14; Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; and Luke 9:51–62.

Prayer

God, our strength and hope, grant us the courage to take up the mantle of discipleship. Help us to speak the truth, confront injustice, and work to bring about your reign on Earth. Grant us grace to encourage others. We ask in the name of Jesus, who shows us a new way. Amen.

Reflection

We receive stories, traditions, and visions of our faith and weave them into the fabric of our own lives. In turn, we pass these stories, traditions, and visions along to others. We pick up and hand on the mantle God gives, as we journey under the Spirit's guidance.

Biblical Background

2 Kings 2:1–2, 6–14 The prophet Elijah is coming to the end of his ministry and has begun a farewell tour of prophetic centres. Elijah tries to send disciple Elisha away, but Elisha refuses to leave. They travel to shrines at Gilgal and Bethel and then make their way to the Jordan River. They are accompanied at a distance by a band of 50 others of the "company of prophets," a group of prophets under Elijah's leadership.

Elijah's action of striking the water with his rolled-up mantle – probably something like a shawl or loose-fitting garment – recalls the action of Moses (Exodus 14:15–31) when the waters divide to allow Israel to escape slavery in Egypt. Elijah and Moses are regarded as the two significant figures in Israel's history. In the New Testament, they represent the Law and the prophets. Elijah is considered the forerunner of the Messiah.

Elisha dares to ask for a double share of Elijah's spirit.

A "double share" was the portion of the inheritance given to the firstborn and heir. Elisha hopes that he will receive this affirmation of leadership so he can carry on Elijah's prophetic ministry. In like manner, other ancestors in the faith have handed down the faith to others and finally to us, so that we might pass it on to those who come after us.

Southside Scene

Worship: 9:30am & 5pm Sundays.
Dinner Church 2nd Sunday. HC 3rd Sunday. Family Service 4th Sunday.

Ladies Breakfast: 7:30am on 4th Tuesday each month.

Stepping Stones: 10am-12noon in Acacia Room on Tues, school terms.

Tuesday Lunch: 12-1pm Tuesdays during school terms.

Prayer Team: 3pm Tuesdays.

Lectionary Study & Worship

Preparation: 4pm Tuesdays.

Motor Bike Ride: 9:30am 2nd & 4th Wednesdays.

Peel Valley Congregations

Sun, 30 June—10am Peel Valley Church on a Bus.

Tue, 2 July—10am Memory Lane at West Tamworth

Fri, 5 July—5:30pm Hallsville Friday Family Church with Meg Mangan.

Sun, 7 July—11am West Tamworth Service with Sue Budden followed by lunch.

Sun, 14 July—8:30am Gowrie and 11am West Tamworth Service

Tue, 16 July—10:am Memory Lane at West Tamworth



Faith Art Group: 1pm Thursdays, alternate weeks, school terms.

Bible Discussion: 2-3pm Thursdays.

Men's Choir: 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays.

Men's Bowls: 9:45am 2nd & 4th North Tamworth Bowling Club

Men's Breakfast: 7:30am on 1st Saturday each month.

Website: www.tsuc.org.au or

Facebook: Tamworth Southside UC

GOWRIE, HALLSVILLE & WEST TAMWORTH CONGREGATIONS

Our Goal "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve"

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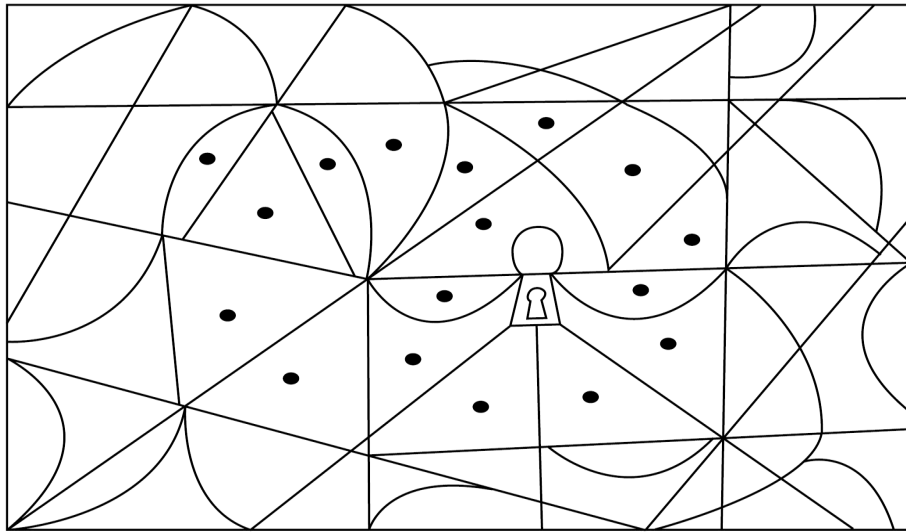
Preaching: Ross Davidson 6760 8369

Elders: Margaret Crowell, Ross Davidson, and Bruce Jarrett.



Coloring Fun!

This is what people might store treasures here on earth in. Choose one color for all the spaces with dots. The other spaces can be colored any color.



Treasure Hunt

Find these treasures in the word search.

- Charity
- Cheerfulness
- Gentleness
- Humility
- Joy
- Kindness
- Love
- Peace
- Thankfulness
- Trustworthy

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Lectionary Readings

Sun	30	Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20*	Fri	5	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*
Mon	1	2 Kings 5:1-14*	Sat	6	Luke 10:21-24
Tue	2	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14	Sun	7	Psalm 30*
Wed	3	Galatians 6:1-6	* Denotes Sunday lectionary readings		
Thu	4	Galatians 6:7-18			

Elijah is carried up to heaven in the whirlwind. In the Hebrew Scriptures, only Enoch before him (Genesis 5:24) did not die. Elisha bravely picks up the mantle, the symbol of Elijah's prophetic call. What does it cost Elisha to pick it up, knowing that he is taking on the difficult task of confronting kings and officials with the word of judgment God was speaking? Taking up Elijah's mantle involves challenge as well as promise. For Elisha, there can be no turning back.

Elisha is able to part the Jordan River, a sign that he has inherited Elijah's spirit, and crosses back to the other side.

The 50 other prophets have watched the whole thing. What might they think as events unfold? Perhaps they wonder what kind of a leader Elisha will be.

"Where is God?" the psalmist asks in Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20. Verses 16-18 echo the description of the whirlwind in Elijah's story. God works wonders and is powerful over the world of nature.

In Luke 9:51-62, Jesus and the disciples are on the journey to Jerusalem. The disciples, angry when a village does not welcome them, want to call down fire from heaven, an echo of the Elijah story in 2 Kings 1:9-12.

Jesus shows them a new way, teaching them, and us, to love our enemies. Jesus reminds us of the cost of picking up the mantle of discipleship. Other loyalties must be set aside, and there can be no turning back when we make a commitment to follow Jesus.

Paul in Galatians 5:1, 13-25 spells out what it means to pick up the mantle of discipleship. We are called to live by the Spirit, giving up "the works of the flesh" and letting God's love speak through us in our care for our neighbours.

Questions

There are many kinds of leadership and many opportunities to serve as followers. Like Elisha, we follow others from whom we have learned about God. Who are the faith ancestors who have helped you understand the Christian faith? By our baptism, we are called to pick up the mantle of discipleship. Where do you experience the challenge and cost of responding to God's call? Where do you experience the promise?



Today's Information

Worship on Sunday, 30 June

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. S/ School. Morning Tea.

Korean Reborn Church

11:30am Sundays for worship. Jubilee Kitchen & Dunn Hall for lunch.

Seriously Sacred

The Tamworth Choral Society are holding their 70th Anniversary Platinum Event "Seriously Sacred" this afternoon at 2:30pm in St John's Anglican Church. \$15 single/\$30 family. All welcome.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gordon Gibson, who passed away last week. We keep you in our prayers.

Retirement Rev Chris Wright

Rev Chris Wright will be retiring. His last service will be on Sunday, 21 July. He will then take leave until the end of August. Completing his time with us on 31 August. A Closure of Ministry Service has been planned for Saturday, 3 August at 2pm followed by afternoon tea. We give thanks for Chris' ministry amongst us over the past two years and wish him God's rich blessings in his retirement.

Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, 14 July at 10am. The meeting will have one item of business "To deal with matters arising from the announcement on 16th June 2019 of the retirement of the Reverend Chris Wright, including the provision of any necessary support for the well-being of Chris and his family during this time of transition and a report from the Church Council." NOTE DATE.

Doing It For Our Farmers

We continue to support our local farmers with drought relief packages, vouchers and prayers. There is always someone in need during this long period of drought.



Presbytery Prayer Points

Keep in your prayers the upcoming Synod meeting in Sydney 4-7 July. We continue to pray for life-sustaining rain to fall across our Presbytery. We give thanks for God's provision, healing and blessing.

Scripture in Schools

Special thanks for those who lead classes in our high schools this year— Andrew, Ross, Belinda and Darrel. Funding is solely from donations. If you would like to contribute: A/c name TSCEAI, BSB 032 621, A/c No. 372 372. Thank you. In recess now until 2019. Donations all gratefully received.

Prayer Chain

If you have a concern that you would particularly like prayer support for, please contact Judith Archbold 6766 6716 or Ted Woodhart 6766 1804 or Rev Chris Wright 0427 633 657.

Maintenance Items

Key Audit

Please check your need for keys to the various buildings here at Tamworth City. Take the opportunity to return a key you no longer need.

Housekeeping Item

Please report all incidents/accidents to the office, even if there is no further action. We need to keep a record for our insurance. Thank you.

Wheelchair/Walker

There is a wheelchair and a walker available in the Vestry to assist in transporting those who require one to and from the church carpark. Please return to the Vestry.

Food Hamper Sunday

Food Hamper Sunday is the 1st Sunday of the month. Bring along something to the office anytime. A shopping list might look like this: 2x1lt UHT milk, 500g sugar, 25 tea bag box, 50g coffee, 100gm tuna/sardines, 2xcuppa coup, 2xrice/pasta pack, 250g biscuits, tin baked beans/spaghetti (ring pull), tin steak & veg (or similar), 2minute noodles, small tinned fruit, small cereal. Thank you everyone.



Elder's Fellowship

Quarterly get together will be on Wednesday, 17 July from 4:30pm in the St Andrew's Room.

Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get-together will be on Friday, 19 July.

Early Childhood—Mums Mental Health Day

Our young families worker is part of this mental health and well-being workshop on Saturday, 20 July in the Jubilee Hall.

Worship on Sunday, 21 July

9am Worship service with Rev Chris Wright. Occasional Singing Group. Elder: E Sheppard, D: C Sheppard, M & D Miles; PP: J Carthew; O: R Cathcart. Mission Envelopes. Morning Tea.

11am West Tamworth.

Diary Dates to Note

•28th 12noon Safe Church Workshop at Tamworth Southside. All Church Councillors, Elders and Pastoral Partners, and any congregation members are welcome to attend. Register with the office.

Prayers

Prayer Focus—Tamworth City

Today we focus on encouraging your individual commitment to prayer and service.

Ecumenical Prayer Calendar

Keep the people of Bolivia, Chile and Peru in your prayers this week.

Prayer Diary—Tamworth Churches

We keep the activities of Carinya Christian School, Moonbi/Kootingal Anglican Church, the Baptist Church, C3 Church, Scripture in Schools, Oxley Vale Anglican Church and the Lutheran Church in our prayers.

This Week's Events

Kairos Outside Sewing Group

Kairos Outside Sewing Group will be meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Monday mornings from 9:30am-3pm each week during school terms.

Opportunity Shop

Our Opportunity Shop is located at 24 Darling Street. Normal hours 10am-4pm Mondays to Fridays and 9am-12noon on Saturdays. Contact Lorraine (0401 762 463) or Judy (0418 662 081).

UNITING Support Group

UNITING Support Group meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Mondays from 10am-2pm from Home & Community Care.

One Door Mental Health Support

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Monday, 1 July from 10am.

Meals on Wheel Kitcen Roster

Our next rostered day will be Tuesday, 2 July from 8am.

Church Office

Regular office hours 9am-2pm Tuesday-Friday. *Nicolette*.

Adult Fellowship

Our monthly get together will be held on Tuesday, 2 July in the St Andrew's Room. Commencing with morning tea at 9:30am followed by our meeting. All welcome.

Locomotive Line Dancing

Hiring the Jubilee Hall from 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays for Line Dancing.

Friends of Nioka

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 2 July from 7pm.

Op Shop Working Bee

Sorting each Wednesday in the Vestry. Lots of chit-chat with your hard work and then a cuppa! All helpers welcome. A very industrious morning.

Meditation Service

Weekly meditation service lead by Rev John Marsh on Wednesdays evenings from 6pm in the Chapel area. During School Terms.

New Vogue Dance Group

Meeting in the Jubilee Hall 6-9:30pm Wednesdays.

Early Risers Prayer Group

Weekly prayer group meeting in the Wesley Room (Rev Chris' office) each Thursday morning from 8:30am. Recommencing 2 May.

Stepping Stones Play Group

Stepping Stones have had a busy term ending with Fun Fitness for Littlies on 2nd & 4th July. Join us at Tamworth City from 10am-12noon on Thursdays in the Dunn Hall. Or at Tamworth Southside Tuesdays 10am-12noon.

Yoga Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Thursdays from 10 June 9:30am.

Social Craft Group

Meeting in the Dunn Hall on Fridays from 8:30-11am.

Craft Group

Our craft group meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday morning of the month at 10am in the St Andrew's Room. Bring along some craft, have a chat and a cuppa. Our next get-together will be on Friday, 5 July.

Lunch & DVD

Our monthly Lunch & DVD will be held on Friday, 5 July from 12noon in the St Andrew's Room. All welcome, contact Jim & Lorraine Furze 6761 7371.

Worship on Sunday, 7 July

9am Worship service and Holy Communion with Rev Chris Wright. Elder: J Dezius, N Dezius, J Carthew, L Johnston, D: B Johnston, J Crosling, H Fergus, PP M Miles, O: R Greer. Food Hamper Sunday. Morning Tea.

Bec's Emmaus Group

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Sunday, 7 July from 3pm.

Next Week & Beyond

OMNI Recreation Men's Shed

Invite you to a combined lunch with Niagara National Health, and Connexions Café on Monday, 8 July from 11am at Connexions Café. Cost \$10 light lunch. RSVP 1 July to Jim 6766 4269.

Compassionate Friends

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Wednesday, 10 July from 10am.

Cottage Homes Service

Rev Chris Wright will be leading the Cottage Homes Service on Thursday, 11 July from 9:30am. Helpers and singers most welcome.

Occasional Singing Group

We are preparing a piece for 21 July. All singers are welcome to join us for practices on Thursday, 11 and 18 July in the Church from 4pm.

Emmaus Women's Walk

11-14 July at PLC in Armidale. We keep the leaders and pilgrims in our prayers.

Senior's Communion

Our monthly Senior's Communion will be held on Friday, 12 July from 10am in the Uniting St Andrew's Village Community Hall with Rev Henry Swindon. Contact Barb McLean for transport 6766 4039.

Worship on Sunday, 14 July

9am Worship service with Mr Peter Battle. Elder: J Archbold, D: E Gevert, Townsend & Kathy; PP: J Phillips; O: R Richardson. Congregational Meeting. Morning Tea.

Association of Independent Retirees

Meeting in the St Andrew's Room on Tuesday, 16 July from 9am.

Senior's Getting Together Fellowship

Monthly get together will be on Tuesday, 16 July from 2pm in the UNITING St Andrew's Village Community Hall.